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Help for Sunday School Teachers— Dedicated to those who take the Word of Life to Children Everywhere

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## STAGGERING AND TREMENDOUS

**R**esponsibility—it's sometimes overwhelming. Sunday School is a tremendous responsibility. Yet with it comes great blessing to your own soul. The time spent in His Word in preparing is blessing enough—but add to the fact that you are getting the gospel and His Word into impressionable hearts—and on top of that, the salvation of souls. Staggering to say the least!



**'I let my mind explore the words, the situation...'**

*These words and the ones that follow are the advice of an experienced Sunday School Teacher—who obviously has not lost the vision and purpose of her work— writing to a younger teacher who was just starting out*

Go for it! You will never regret it. One thing that has really helped me is to “free-write”. Whatever story it is, I write it out verse by verse on the computer. But after each verse I let my mind explore the words, the situation, the people, the place— literally I put myself in the shoes of the people. What comes to mind is what I write— even if it isn't relevant to the lesson. I can reduce it later or use it for something else. Then I usually write the story as if I was writing a book or article for a magazine. Seeing it in print helps me to remember detail.

Bible Characters are characters. They are people, human like you and me, so their thinking in these situations in their lives would not have been much different than your own. Go for the obvious and the awesome will sneak up on you and surprise you. There is so much that is assumed and we whiz past because it is common. Put the 'whiz' on hold and go for consuming it instead, make it part of you. Your students will see your obvious delight in the Word of God, that is important. It will leave a profound and permanent impact.

*Did you hear it!  
Blessing for yourself. Impressionable hearts in which to sow. Salvation of souls! Never regret it. Literally put yourself in the shoes of the people. Seeing it in print helps to remember detail.  
“Go for the obvious and the awesome will sneak up on you!”*

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS ....

Did you read about the little boy who returned from his first Sunday School class?

His mother asked, “Who was your teacher?”

The little boy answered, “I don't remember her name, but she must've been Jesus' grandmother because she didn't talk about anyone else.”

Does our conversation reflect our love of the Lord Jesus? Would our words give away our relationship with Him?

